

ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:15 p.m. - Work Session - Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, October 25, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED: that the Asheville City Board of Education met in a special called session on October 25, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. at the Administrative Office - Board Room at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

James C. Carter, Board Chair
Martha Geitner, Vice-Chair
George Sieburg, Member
Peyton O'Conner, Member
Shaunda Sandford, Member

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent; Dr. Mark Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ashley-Michelle Thublin, Executive Director of Communications; April Dockery, Executive Director of Crisis Management and Operations; Kristy Coats, Facilities Liaison; Mary Nichols, Principal Claxton; Ruletta Hughes, Principal Lucy S. Herring; Georgia Harvey, Chief Finance Officer; Nathan Haugaard, IT Help Desk Specialist; Carrie Buchanan, Principal HFE; Susanna Smith, Director of Preschool; Melissa Hedt, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability; Marta Alcala-Williams, Executive Director of Equity and Community Engagement; Cynthia Lopez, Attorney; Kimberly Jones, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

James C. Carter, Board Chair, called the session to order at 5:23 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James C. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda. Martha Geitner approved the motion. Peyton O'Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTION OF NEW VICE-CHAIR

Board Officers Vote for Board Vice-Chair: Cynthia Lopez, Attorney

Nominations for Board Vice-Chair:

James C. Carter, Board Chair - Peyton O'Conner
Martha Geitner, Member -
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Martha Geitner
George Sieburg, Member -
Peyton O'Conner, Member -

Nominee Votes for Martha Geitner:

James C. Carter, Board Chair -
Shaunda Sandford, Member - Yes
Martha Geitner, Member - Yes
George Sieburg, Member - Yes
Peyton O'Conner, Member -

Martha Geitner is hereby elected the Board Vice-Chair of the Asheville City Board of Education.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- **COVID Protocols Updates:** April Dockery, Executive Director of Crisis Management and Operations; Sonita Warren-Dixon, Athletic Director shared the following:
 - NC Toolkit
 - ACS Data Snapshot
 - ACS Protocol Updates
 - Athletic Update
 - There has only been one case during the fall sports season. The student was vaccinated.
 - Fall sports players have not been quarantined.
 - We will need to look at protocols with winter sports since they are indoors.
 - The goal is to keep everyone safe.
- **Vacancy Updates:** Dr. Dickerson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared the District Job Vacancies per school. The update included Exceptional Children, Maintenance, Child Nutrition, Transportation, Student Support, and Athletic Departments. Dr. Dickerson also included information about the Upcoming Career/Fairs.
- **Maintenance Updates:** Kristy Coats, Facilities Liaison to the Superintendent shared the Capital needs of the district. The following was shared: School Capital Fund Commission needs and financial cost per school.

ADJOURNMENT

George Sieburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Martha Geitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent



James C. Carter, Board Chair